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## EDITORIAL



## Release of the 21 Mc. Band

As members may well remember back in Atlantic City in 1947 a frequency table was decided upon by the International Telecommunication and Radio Conference which would allocate frequencies for all the various types of radio services on an engineering basis.

At this Conference were delegates from every country in the world, meeting together on an international footing in order to arrive at some agreement whereby the radio frequency spectrum as we know it today could be divided up in a systematic manner so that the requirements of all countries could adequately be met.

This in itself was a superhuman task, and it is a credit to mankind that at a conference of this nature where languages create such a difficult obstacle to conversation, a frequency table as is now in existence was possible.

However, despite the presence of the Frequency Table, the implementation of it seemed a remote objective until the Extraordinary Administrative Radio Conference held in Geneva in 1951. At this Conference steps were taken to commence the implementation of the frequency table in that part of the frequency spectrum below 27.5 Mc., the responsibility remaining with Administrations to implement the various transfers of services to frequencies agreed to at the Conference, some of which were to be implemented on certain specified dates.

So far as the Amateur band frequency allocations are concerned for Region 3 (which includes Australia) under the Frequency Table agreed to in 1947 at Atlantic City, we would

ultimately lose 50 Kc. in the 7-7.2 Mc. and 14-14.4 Mc. regions, and gain the 21.0-21.450 Mc. frequency allocation.

Over the period since 1947 we have made strenuous approaches to the Australian Administration requesting the implementation of these frequency agreements to which Australia was a signatory. In every instance the Administration Authority has appreciated our approach and given a sympathetic hearing to our requests, but for many reasons—too numerous to recount although well recognised as difficult obstacles against immediate implementation—it has not been possible.

After we became aware of the Agreement reached at the Geneva Radio Conference concerning measures for the implementation of the lower part (below 27.5 Mc.) of the Atlantic City Frequency Allocation Table, we again pressed the Amateurs' case with the Australian Administration.

Arising from our discussions we have every reason to expect that implementation of the Amateur bands within the spectrum encompassed by the Agreement reached at the Geneva Conference will take place about the 1st May, 1952.

We feel justly proud of the fact that we have been instrumental in gaining the implementation of these frequency changes on behalf of the Australian Amateur, and although our two lower frequency bands have been reduced by 50 Kc. on the high end—which of course we all knew would inevitably be so—we have gained a band that should be an excellent DX band as well as an additional band.

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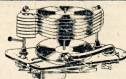
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# Low Power 2 Metre Crystal Controlled Transmitter

BY K. B. MITCHELHILL, VK2ANU

In warmer weather most v.h.f. fans and newcomers to v.h.f. bands are usually constructing and overhauling gear for greater activity.

On looking through current radio magazines it is noted that there has been very little space devoted to the construction of gear for the 144 Mc. band in the way of transmitters of the crystal control type. As modulated oscillators are gradually giving way to crystal control and transmitters of better stability, the low power rig here described should be of interest to many in getting to 144 Mc. using a VT501 disposals tube as a series tuned tripler (civil type TT11). Ratings of this tube as known are: 250v. plate, 250v. screen, 6.3v. heater at 0.8 amp. Such tubes were used up to 130 Mc. in airborne v.h.f. equipment.

To most of us the ultimate is to use whatever gear is available in the junk box without spending too much money, as is the case where v.h.f. equipment is concerned. The only outlay in this case is for an 832 and socket. This tube is not by any means the only one that has been successfully used as a final, as the tripler output is ample to drive a pair of 7133s in push-pull.

The main point of interest is firstly to get to 144 Mc. and the method of coupling to the 832 final.

far as various crystals are concerned, especially where crystals are somewhat sluggish.

Next tube in line is the 6F6 doubler; the tuning condenser being mounted on the front panel of the chassis between the 6F6 doubler socket and the VT501 tripler socket to ensure the shortest of leads.

From here the remaining tank circuits are mounted above the chassis. The VT501 is mounted vertically; this allows correct length for the 144 Mc. series tuned coil and room for adjustment. The series tuning condenser is mounted on a metal panel on the front edge of the chassis so that it supports the cold end of the coil and gives sufficient room for the 832 grid coil to come directly off the grid pins for positioning beneath the tripler plate tank.

It is advisable to mount all components up to the VT501 tank circuit. The 832 is then mounted horizontally on a bracket and with the grid coil mounted on the socket, the bracket is then slid along the chassis until a suitable position is found where the grid coil sits directly under the cold end of the tripler plate tank coil. This ensures the shortest of leads.

In the 832 plate tank, the coil is constructed with half inch spacing between the two sections, i.e. the coil is wound

this case the base of an old ceramic padding condenser.

For neutralising, two lengths of No. 16 s.w.g. enamel wire were soldered to the grid pins, crossed over and continued through insulated bushes in the bracket holding the 832 as far as the top edge of the 832 plates viewed through the glass envelope. These wires are bent relative to the tube elements until there is no further flicker in grid current when the plate tank is tuned through resonance. For neutralising the voltage is removed from the plate and screen of the 832.

The r.f. chokes used were originally taken from an I.F.F. set and are ideal.

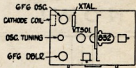


FIG. 1



FIG. 2

## POWER REQUIREMENTS

The circuit diagram shows a series heater circuit as the writer's power supply is derived from a 32 volt lighting plant. Modification for other voltages is a simple matter. The high voltage is obtained from a generator delivering 250 volts at 100 Ma.

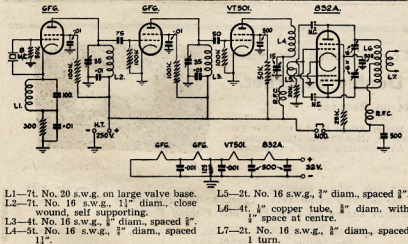
Total current drawn by the two 6F6s and VT501 tripler is in the vicinity of 50 Ma., allowing the remaining 50 Ma. for operation of the 832. In operation, the 832 is loaded to 40 Ma., being an input of 10 watts.

## TUNING

After preliminary adjustments have been made and the various circuits put on frequency with an absorption wavemeter, tuning of this little rig is straight forward. As the output of the VT501 tripler will over-drive the 832, the doubler circuit is detuned so that the final grid drive is 2 Ma., which is found to give most efficient operation. Detuning the doubler circuit does not appear to affect operation in any way as it is better to detune this circuit in preference to the tripler in view of efficient operation.

The only circuits metered are the 832 grid and plate. The modulator used with this little rig is p.p. 6V6s in Class AB1, plate and screen modulating the 832 final.

Mounting of the tripler plate tank is shown in Fig. 2 and the method of mounting the 832 grid coil will be seen from Fig. 1. The coupling is such that both coils are tuned by the tripler plate tank condenser, and the coupling is adjusted by experimentally squeezing the coils until maximum grid drive is obtained.



## CONSTRUCTIONAL POINTS

The transmitter is constructed on a chassis 16" x 6" x 3" as indicated. The first tube is a 6F6 used as a triet oscillator with an 8 Mc. crystal tripling to 24 Mc., the plate circuit being fixed tuned by means of a 3-30 pF. air trimmer. The cathode coil is made to plug into a socket mounted on the end plate of the chassis near the oscillator tube socket.

A little time spent in adjustment of the cathode coil will pay dividends as

in two halves with half inch between the two, allowing space for the antenna coupling coil. This coil is mounted directly onto the condenser, which in this case was a modified condenser taken from a TR1143, stripped down to three fixed plates in each stator section with three plates left for the rotor. The condenser is mounted on brackets to bring it to the height of the 832 plate pins and is connected to the plate pins with half inch lengths of copper strip or flattened braid and small Farnstock clips from an old dry battery. The antenna coupling coil is supported on a small ceramic strip, in

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Part viii.—

## Interference, and How the Hams Can Check It

BY KEN WALL† AND JOHN JARMAN,\* VK3ADA

Let us put the clock forward by a few years and imagine that Australia's long-awaited television service is at last in operation.

Johnny Citizen, having purchased and installed his television receiver, is now enjoying his favourite evening programme, when alas! Just as his favourite strip-tease artist is about to shed her last garment, something goes wrong. A burst of interference makes the picture either invisible, or distorted beyond recognition!

Enraged with disappointment, he must blame somebody and who is a better "sitting target" than Bill, the nearest Ham, who is duly visited. We censor John's "opening address" as Bill opens the door to him.

Now a television receiver is prone to all kinds of interference and quite likely Bill (who could be any reader) is "not guilty." He might not have even been on the air and probably feels like telling John to go and get a better receiver.

Remember, however, that there are other Hams on the air whom John may suspect, unless shown the real cause of the trouble, so that an indifferent attitude on Bill's part may provoke complaints about Ham interference, which are neither justified nor necessary, and which won't help us, as an organisation, to obtain further privileges when we apply for them.

We see, therefore, that Bill's duty is not only to prevent his own rig from causing television interference (abbreviated t.v.i.), but to help the complainant locate the real cause.

Furthermore, all radio shops will probably be closed at this time of night, so that Bill may be the only "radio bloke" available, and any assistance on his part will be appreciated.

Now Bill is not a trained television serviceman and to tamper with a delicate instrument like a television set would be most inadvisable. What can he do? Well, having proceeded to examine John's receiver, he should try and place the fault in one of the following categories:—

1. Simple receiver faults which he can rectify.
2. Serious faults to be fixed only by a television serviceman.
3. Amateur interference.
4. Interference from some other radio station.
5. Interference from faulty electrical appliances.

Now this cannot be done by mere guesswork. It requires careful investigation combined with an elementary knowledge of television theory, and this is just what these articles have been intended to provide.

Let us first consider what interference Bill's transmitter might have caused.

Since Australian television signals will be on frequencies from 180-204 Mc., Bill's main "bug-bear" will be harmonics and parasites. We have also learnt that our system will use 25 pictures per second, and 625 lines per picture, which amounts to 15625 lines per second. Now suppose a spurious signal, on a frequency within the television band originates from a Ham Station, using a modulating frequency of 3125 c.p.s. Now the spurious signal will also be modulated at this frequency. How will television receivers respond to it? Well, 3125 is one-fifth of 15625, so that every fifth line will be darkened, so that dark horizontal bars appear across the screen.

In actual practice, of course, the signal will be modulated by a multitude of audio frequencies, so that the bars will not remain steady, but will move vertically, flashing on and off with modulation. A similar effect occurs when the interfering signal beats with the required one. If the resultant frequency exceeds 15625, the bars will no longer appear horizontal, but become sloped, and varying in thickness.

Another common form of t.v.i. is the upsetting of the synchronisation. We learned in article vi. that most receivers distinguish the synch. pulses purely by their amplitude, and can therefore mistake any interfering signal of sufficient amplitude, for synchronising signals, so that their deflection oscillators get "out of step." One therefore sees, on the screen, not a steady picture, but a series of pictures, joined end-to-end racing madly across, either horizontally or vertically.

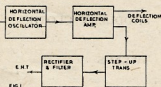


FIG. 1—Popular method of obtaining High Voltage for Tube.

Indirect forms of Ham interference occur where the mains voltage has poor regulation, so that every time Bill presses his key, the lights go dim. The effects on neighbouring television sets will vary, according to design, and here we shall pause, to explain two innovations.

We know that a cathode ray tube requires very high voltage on certain elements, and in a television receiver this is known as e.h.t. (extra high tension) as distinct from the normal h.t. or B plus supply, and methods of producing it vary. Mains transformers are not favoured in television receivers, since their positioning, to prevent their

magnetic fields from interfering with the scanning spot, is too critical and introduces design problems.

The familiar a.c.-d.c. circuit, as used in some broadcast receivers, is therefore commonly used and one popular method of producing the e.h.t. is to step up the output of the horizontal deflection oscillator as outlined in Fig. 1.

In receivers using this circuit a change in mains voltage may cause a change in either picture brightness, picture width, or both.

The other modern source of trouble is the automatic gain control circuit, incorporated in some receivers. In a vision receiver, the a.g.c. voltage is applied to the r.f. and i.f. stages as in a sound receiver, but it is obtained in a different way. We are familiar with circuits in which the a.g.c. voltage is proportional to the average value of the signal. Now, in television, this voltage is made proportional to the peak amplitude of the signal or, in other words, the amplitude of the synch. pulses. Special circuits must therefore be used, one type being shown in Fig. 2.

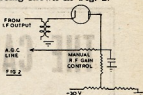


Fig. 2—Simple A.G.C. Circuit for Vision Receiver.

The values of the components in any a.g.c. circuit are very critical, and if incorrect, such circuit will be affected by any impulse interference and any change in mains voltage. Either may weaken or completely "blank out" the picture.

There are other cases when the interference may be the fault of the receiver, rather than the Ham. Some faults may cause a receiver to respond to signals from a Ham transmitter that is operating quite normally. These include:—

1. Cathode ray tube grid picking up 80 metre band signals directly.
2. R.f. stages admitting signals within i.f. band.
3. Generation (by mixer) of harmonics of Ham signals, within i.f. band.

Another fault, for which innocent Hams are often blamed, is the "leakage" of sound signals into the receiver's picture circuit, since this produces the same "dark bar" effects as Ham interference.

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Bill is therefore likely to strike this trouble only on three occasions:—

1. When receiver has been tampered with.
2. When receiver has deteriorated with age.
3. In a home-built set.

Continuing the story, let us first take the case when Bill has been on the air,

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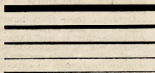
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and might have been causing the trouble. He must first ascertain whether his transmitter is responsible, which is done by arranging for a fellow Ham to operate his rig while Bill watches the screen. If the interference coincides with the keying, sure enough Bill's transmitter is interfering, but may not be at fault. It could be one of the receiver faults listed above.

In any case, however, if Bill sees the interference pattern he will first photograph it for future reference. This is not essential, but quite a good plan, as we will shortly see.

Bill now investigates, to see whether other receivers in the neighbourhood are displaying the same fault. If not, John's receiver is to blame. It is appropriate to mention here a certain receiver fault which may be misleading, namely the "leakage" of the local oscillator output into the aerial circuit. This causes the aerial to radiate a signal at low frequency, which beats with the required signal in other sets, often causing the same "dark bar" effect as Ham interference. In this case the offending set will be the only one not displaying the trouble.

In any case, Bill's next job, after having established which set is faulty, is to link up with the television serviceman, who repairs the receiver, showing him the photo and making test transmissions at the serviceman's request, to facilitate correction of the fault.

Now take the case when Bill finds that all local receivers experience the same fault, coinciding with his transmissions. Yes, Bill has faulty rig! He will now thoughtfully stay off the air during television programmes (which only occupy limited hours) until the trouble is cured.

He has wisely studied these articles and now applies the theory given, endeavours to figure out just how his transmitter could be causing such interference. It may be something quite new and different from any effect described in this series. On such occasions a few minutes discussion with a television serviceman may solve the problem completely (particularly if a photo is available), at the same time improving Bill's knowledge of interference and its prevention. In all cases, Bill's task of eliminating the trouble will be made much easier if he can first work out how the effects are caused, even if he can only do so with assistance.

Suppose now that the effects do not occur when Bill's rig goes on the air. His rig may be innocent, but don't be hasty. The fault may be intermittent.

Finally comes the case when the interference occurs when Bill's rig is not even on the air. Breathing a sigh of relief, Bill now examines the pattern, or visual effects, and considers the possible causes, paying special attention to the most probable ones. Of the five categories given earlier in this article, which do the effects suggest?

Could it possibly be another Amateur Station? Could it be some other radio station, such as aircraft, aerodrome control tower, radio-equipped cars, etc.?

Do John's neighbours experience the same trouble? If not, John's set must be faulty, but must he engage a serviceman or can Bill fix it? Bill now gives the set a brief examination. Any

audible interference suggests a faulty set, since a properly adjusted f.m. receiver gives noise-free reception. How are the power leads and aerial feeder? Any poor connections or intermittent shorts? Is the aerial feeder insecure, and swaying in the wind?

One fault, which a Ham can often cure is the "ghosts" caused by multi-path reception. We know that radio waves can be reflected by certain objects, such as buildings, etc., and quite often a television signal reaches a receiver by a number of reflected paths, in addition to its normal direct path from the transmitter. The longer the path, the later and weaker the reflected signal will be on reaching the receiver.

Each picture impulse therefore reaches the receiver not once, but several times, becoming progressively weaker, so that the scanning spot, as it travels from left to right, is modulated several times by the same picture impulse. Each object in the picture therefore appears to have a series of images or "ghosts" placed behind it. In Fig. 3, for instance, the three waves each carrying the same picture impulse would reach the receiver in the order a, b, c.

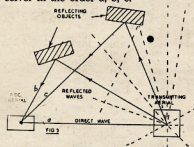


Fig. 3—Example of Multi-path Reception.

If a directional aerial is in use, this effect can often be cured by rotating the aerial to a position where it will pick up only the direct wave, so that the "ghosts" disappear. Remember that in Australia, all television signals will be horizontally polarised.

Having decided that the trouble is a case for a serviceman, Bill will "link up" with the latter, showing him the photo. Bill's description of the effects may be very useful to him and Bill, in turn, can learn the cause of the trouble for future reference.

Finally comes the case when neighbours share the same trouble, proving that there's a source of interference in the district, which is not a radio station of any kind (according to symptoms). What does the pattern suggest? Different forms of interference produce different patterns. Ignition, for instance, produces short horizontal bars all over the screen, while diathermy apparatus (used by doctors) produces a pattern like herringbone cloth. It would be hasty, however, to attempt to identify the interference by the visible effects alone. These must be associated with other observations.

Bill now produces his pocket book and asks John some relevant questions. "How long have these effects been apparent and at what times of day?" "Do they occur on all channels (or television carrier frequencies)?" "How long do

## Ross A. Hull Memorial Contest 1951-2 Results

The Federal Contest Committee has pleasure in reporting the results of the 1951-52 Ross Hull Memorial Contest for Interstate working on 50 Mc.

Support for the contest was greater than in previous years and 45 logs were received. Altogether some 200 stations took part in the contest at some time or another—an indication of the popularity of 50 Mc. and of the interest which the contest aroused.

Most of the comments received were enthusiastic and the contestants apparently enjoyed themselves. Some thought that the contest should be of shorter duration with, perhaps, a limit on the number of repeat contacts. An increase in the number of points for short-spark contacts may be desirable, e.g., VK3-VK7 and VK2-VK4 contacts are comparatively rare.

Our congratulations go to Hugh Lloyd VK5BC who wins the Ross Hull Memorial Trophy this year with the fine score of 2521 points for 438 contacts. He was closely followed by Roland Everingham VK6BO with 238 QSOs and 2295 points and then last year's winner, Fred Stirk VK2ABC, with 2010 points.

Included in 5BO's winning score were 27 QSOs with New Zealand, while VK6DW had 23 contacts with ZL. Russ Colston VK3KX created a great deal of interest by coming on for the contest and working all districts except VK3 and ZL4.

From across the Tasman, ZL2BJ, ZL1WW and ZL4DS put up excellent performances, working all districts, and who hope to see even more New Zealand participation next year.

In addition to the Ross A. Hull Memorial Trophy, to be held this year by VK5BC, certificates have been awarded to district winners viz.: VK2ABC, VK3IM, VK4BT, VK5BC, VK6BO, VK7LZ, VK8XK, ZL1WW, ZL2BJ, ZL4PZ.

### Full results appear below—

VK5BC	2521	VK4RY	793	VK2JX	367
VK6BO	2295	VK3MA	626	VK3PG	241
VK2ABC	2010	VK3JE	593	VK3KL	230
VK6DW	1704	VK3ABA	525	VK3HK	227
VK3AB	1646	VK3AB	485	VK3AB	220
VK5HD	1637	VK4NG	372	VK3ZO	185
VK6WG	1627	VK2AMV	356	VK3AJ	129
VK4BT	1603	VK7LZ	344	VK4BG	116
VK2WJ	1459	VK5JD	313	VK7BT	112
VK4KK	1439	VK4XJ	288	VK4AW	71
VK2VW	1354	VK3CM	275	VK4BG	47
VK3AB	1338	VK7AB	271	VK3GE	44
VK2WH	814			VK2AC	40

ZL2BJ	1339	ZL4DS	1202	ZL3PN	227
ZL1WW	1224	ZL2HP	807	ZL2OU	7
		ZL4DO	483		

## ACCURATE FREQUENCY TRANSMISSIONS FROM VK3WI

The next Accurate Frequency Transmission will take place on Thursday evening, 29th May, 1952, on the 3.5 Mc. band. Details of the operating procedure and times of transmission will be found on page 8 of the January, 1952, issue of this magazine.

they last on each occasion?" "Have they become progressively worse over a period?"

With this information, coupled with his visual observations, Bill now tries to work out the possible causes and where to look for them. Could they be in John's house? Or in any of the neighbours' homes? Is there an adjacent hospital, surgery, garage, or industrial plant? Electric motors and automatic switching devices are all potential trouble-makers.

The final phase is a tour of investigation, continued until the source of interference is found. Bill, of course, need not do this himself, but he should direct the complainant to a party capable of doing so and assist to the best of his ability.

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12000	7	9-10	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	8300	5150	4250	2750	2070	—	—	370	—	
14000	7	9-10	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	9700	6000	4900	3200	2440	—	—	430	—	
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## NEW SOUTH WALES

The March meeting of the V.H.F. Group, held at Science House was devoted to a lecture on a new type of amplifier. The lecture was very capably given by Mr. Walter Shuerer, 2AWU, of A.W.A. Some very interesting points were made during the lecture. The visiting questions and answers which show that a.v.c. is a subject which is not quite so straightforward as it looks.

Present at the meeting were two country visitors, John 2AMV, from Forbes, and Norman Moody, from Coomabool. Both visitors were made welcome by the visiting group. The city should remember the date of the V.H.F. Group meeting as the v.h.f. boys are always pleased to see country members. The meetings are held on the first Friday in every month, at Science House, Gloucester Street, City.

The autumn field day coincided with the Victorian Group's attempt to pass a signal from VK7 to as far north as possible, but it was considered too late to change the arrangements for the VK2 field day in order that VK2 could co-operate. It is hoped, however, that something along the lines suggested by VK3 might be possible later in the year. Interested parties in VK3 might look for 2MO or 2NF on the 7 Mc. band in order that some preliminary arrangements might be discussed.

30 Mc. News: While the DX season of the DX season activity has waned on this band and news is scarce. Tropospheric propagation conditions seem to follow after the VK2 contest. Conditions and contacts from the city to the Newcastle area have been very good. Stations heard from the north include 2ADT, 2ANU, 2YU, 2IC, 2AL, 2AF, 2AG, 2AH, 2AI, 2AJ, 2AK, 2AL, 2AM, 2AN, 2AO, 2AP, 2AQ, 2AR, 2AS, 2AT, 2AU, 2AV, 2AW, 2AX, 2AY, 2AZ, 2BA, 2BB, 2BC, 2BD, 2BE, 2BF, 2BG, 2BH, 2BI, 2BJ, 2BK, 2BL, 2BM, 2BN, 2BO, 2BP, 2BQ, 2BR, 2BS, 2BT, 2BU, 2BV, 2BW, 2BX, 2BY, 2BZ, 2CA, 2CB, 2CC, 2CD, 2CE, 2CF, 2CG, 2CH, 2CI, 2CJ, 2CK, 2CL, 2CM, 2CN, 2CO, 2CP, 2CQ, 2CR, 2CS, 2CT, 2CU, 2CV, 2CW, 2CX, 2CY, 2CZ, 2DA, 2DB, 2DC, 2DD, 2DE, 2DF, 2DG, 2DH, 2DI, 2DJ, 2DK, 2DL, 2DM, 2DN, 2DO, 2DP, 2DQ, 2DR, 2DS, 2DT, 2DU, 2DV, 2DW, 2DX, 2DY, 2DZ, 2EA, 2EB, 2EC, 2ED, 2EE, 2EF, 2EG, 2EH, 2EI, 2EJ, 2EK, 2EL, 2EM, 2EN, 2EO, 2EP, 2EQ, 2ER, 2ES, 2ET, 2EU, 2EV, 2EW, 2EX, 2EY, 2EZ, 2FA, 2FB, 2FC, 2FD, 2FE, 2FF, 2FG, 2FH, 2FI, 2FJ, 2FK, 2FL, 2FM, 2FN, 2FO, 2FP, 2FQ, 2FR, 2FS, 2FT, 2FU, 2FV, 2FW, 2FX, 2FY, 2FZ, 2GA, 2GB, 2GC, 2GD, 2GE, 2GF, 2GG, 2GH, 2GI, 2GJ, 2GK, 2GL, 2GM, 2GN, 2GO, 2GP, 2GQ, 2GR, 2GS, 2GT, 2GU, 2GV, 2GW, 2GX, 2GY, 2GZ, 2HA, 2HB, 2HC, 2HD, 2HE, 2HF, 2HG, 2HH, 2HI, 2HJ, 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Last year I made comment that the bottom of the "DX Bucket" had been reached. If somebody had said, "You haven't heard anything yet," they would have been aptly referring to the present DX conditions. One has usually been able to find one band useless, but others to occupy his DX hours, but that condition no longer exists. ACD told me last year to work all the DX I could then, as USZ would not produce much. From your Crystal Ball Clive, when do you expect the bands to show some improvement?

The band survey, with stations worked shown\*, and times in GMT (Z time):—

3.5 Mc.: IBA seemed to do very well in the A.R.L.C. Contest, his contacts being unknown, but the first week-end, he had a multiplier of 10. Just before the contest I could work Ws OK, yet in the contest two Ws and a KLT were the sum total. 3CP worked all W districts except WS on the 16th. TRK found static very severe but could not hear any of the Ws that others were working. SGW found one week-end OK, the other of little help. YP heard GGU, GHITQ, OZIBY and SM3ACW. I ran a sked with ZSRK, and although I heard him, no contact could be made. DUERG and ZK2AA were also heard.

1 Mc.: Although in this neck of the woods, not much success was attained, others found it profitable, but erratic just the same. I could hear strong W signals between 0800z and 0900z once but it was a struggle to hear a W or VE at any time now. The Europeans and Africans were very patchy. Just the same, 3CP worked PAB, HBB, YUP, G, GW, LBAVB (Antarctica), DL, ZEJUP, 1. OK, SM, F, APUAUK, VPINT, SP3PP, KZ5CS. On the 8th, between 0700z and 0810z, six Gs and HBB were contacted. Athol also heard ZDIAC, CXIKB, KP4KD, EASDG, ZIDGAY, CN8MI, ZC4XP, FF8AG, UQ2KAA, PYQW, PY6DU, ZBIBQ, EASHE, the whole being an impressive list. 2DP, who has a two el. fixed beam on Europe, lists YU\*, SM7\*, F3\*, F9\*, GS\*, HB9\*, DLT\*, CEIKN, ISIAHK, 4X4DE, 4X4DC, EASDF, Z86CW, VP6CDI. It is just getting into his DX stride, being a DX "hedging"! TRK heard some very strong signs from the Ws

in the contest, also GSH 0700z, YV5DE, KX6AH. Ray found, like me, KX6AH does not answer VK calls. He thought he had a nice catch in SM8BNA, but found he was marine 200 miles from Adelaide. He was strong here too Ray. 4QI: ZD2GAJ, who could not hear a reply to his repeated CQs, FF8AG\*, KJ6AR, ZK2AB\*, 5A2TT, W3\* and W4 2100z, KZ6CS\*, SUFD, KC6QY, VPSBH (Caymans), G8BKF and G5BS 0745z, ZS3K\*, VS2LP\*.

14 Mc.: Nobody contest with the performance of this old standby, and all contributors voice the same opinion. 2ACX, who by the way is not changing his QTH after all, lists a contact with VP4AJ, Graham Land, which gave him 22Z210. Arthur received cards from EA0AB and FB8XX. 3CX was one who found some Europeans, also HK and LZIAS. Received QSLs from QG5VD, EQ3FT, 4RI had trouble maintaining his sked with GZAA, but managed to reach his 600th contact with him before he proceeded to his home on leave. MH snared JAMJ, VR3C, KC6QY and received cards from EA6AM, KB6AQ and ISIAHK. TRK has little to raise the eye brows for this band other than FYLAB G2BIZ, TIBIC, 8KK, who will now be away for two months, did not like the conditions much, especially with the approach of the B.E.R.U. contest, but Russ hit a purple patch on 14 Mc. for the Gs early. Plenty could be heard calling him, yet I could not get one. When last heard Russ had about 200 contacts. 4QI did not hear much, other than K88AA, YN1AA, PK3AA\*, VP1AA\*, VP6AA\*, ZK2AB\*, VQ4HJ\* 0430z, LZIAS, PZIOY.

28 Mc.: This band like a morgue. TRK heard one or two Ws in the DX Contest, as did I. Other than that, Pacific stations were the limit.

KV4AA gives some help for the "zen" section this month. ZLIBY has worked through to the Ws on 160 mx. Dick said over there they are expecting to get the 21 Mc. band on the 1st May. He gives the following new prefix allocations: 5A2T for Amateur use in Tripolitania, 5A2C in Cyrenaica, and 5A2P in Pezzan. KV4AA worked quite a few Ws on 160 mx in the A.R.L.C. Contest and he finished up with a multiplier of 90. 4DO was heard working 5A2TY, who gave his QTH as Absidan, which does not follow the previously mentioned allocation. 3CP said TTICW is quite OK, and YAUU

has been heard, but no known VK contacts. According to "QST," the EK1 prefix is to be changed to CN2. Additional prefixes to those in a recent issue of "A.R." are JYA-JYZ, Jordan, JZA-JZZ, Dutch New Guinea. PK3AA told me he is shortly returning home. Am still waiting on his long overdue QSL. I had a look at 21 Mc. this month, and there are quite a few high speed stations in the band, some using U.S. prefixes, so it can be reasonably expected they will disappear on the release of the band to U.S. amateurs.

● The thought for the month, which must be in the minds of us all these days, is the wish for a very early improvement in DX conditions.

## DX C.C. LISTING

PHONE			
Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK3EE	.. 1 158	VK4KS	.. 9 133
VK3JD	.. 1 155	VK3LN	.. 11 132
VK4HR	.. 12 135	VK4PJ	.. 21 129
VK3EZ	.. 3 154	VK6DD	.. 6 126
VK6RU	.. 2 149	VK3JE	.. 7 123
VK6KW	.. 4 145	VK4WJ	.. 17 122

## C.W.

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK3BZ	.. 5 200	VK3CX	.. 26 140
VK3FH	.. 15 177	VK3KB	.. 10 138
VK4HR	.. 8 170	VK6RU	.. 18 138
VK4FI	.. 9 167	VK3BO	.. 33 132
VK2EO	.. 2 152	VK2CW	.. 16 132
VK3CN	.. 1 151	VK5RX	.. 23 132
VK6SA	.. 28 150	VK4DO	.. 20 129
VK4FI	.. 29 146	VK3XK	.. 30 128
VK3VW	.. 4 143	VK4QL	.. 36 128
VK4QL	.. 5 142	VK4RF	.. 11 125

## OPEN

Call	No. Ctr.	Call	No. Ctr.
VK3BZ	.. 4 213	VK4KS	.. 24 149
VK4HR	.. 7 209	VK3PL	.. 26 143
VK4RU	.. 8 183	VK3MC	.. 5 139
VK3JE	.. 12 180	VK3OP	.. 19 127
VK3HD	.. 3 171	VK6DD	.. 22 136
VK2IG	.. 2 170	VK3LN	.. 29 135
VK4FI	.. 32 170	VK2ADE	.. 38 133
VK3XX	.. 1 167	VK2AHA	.. 9 128
VK4KL	.. 10 167	VK4WF	.. 40 123
VK4WJ	.. 15 165	VK2AHM	.. 20 125
VK4DO	.. 15 157	VK2NS	.. 16 123

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# FEDERAL, I.R.S.L., AND DIVISIONAL NOTES

## FEDERAL

### UNIFORM SCORING SYSTEM FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS

Arising from discussions of the Federal Council of the W.I.A. at the 1951 Annual Federal Convention, proposals were directed to the I.A.R.U. notes, December, 1951, with reference to the adoption of a standard numbering system by all member societies when conducting International DX Contests, and that such a numbering system be used which, in the VK-ZL International DX Contest from time to time.

The proposals—numbers 77 and 78 respectively—were circulated to all member societies of the I.A.R.U. through its constitutional medium, The Calendar, for vote for or against the adoption of such a system.

Federal Executive is now pleased to advise that the proposals were accepted by a large majority of those who voted. Whilst some of the overseas member societies have not agreed to the proposal, and quite a number have not been interested enough to cast a vote at all, the following societies have signified their intention of accepting our standard scoring system. Into this category falls our friend and neighbor, the NZ.A.R.T., who is very pleasing for it now removes one of the biggest obstacles we have encountered in trying to standardize the rules and regulations irrespective of whether the W.I.A. or the NZ.A.R.T. is running the contest.

American Radio Relay League—A.R.R.L.  
American Radio Relay Club—A.R.R.C.

Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitters Society—H.K.A.R.T.S.

Irish Radio Transmitters Society—I.R.T.S.  
Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao—L.A.B.R.E.

Norwegian Radio League (Norway)—N.R.L.  
New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters—N.Z.A.R.T.

Oesterreichischer Versuchssenderverband (Austria)—O.V.S.V.

Radio Club Argentino—R.C.A.

Radio Club de Chile—R.C.C. (Chile)

Radio Club Dominicano (Dominican Republic)—R.C.D.

Radio Club Uruguay—R.C.U.

Reunion des Emissionnaires Français—R.E.F.

Reseau Luxembourgeois des Amateurs d'Ondes Courtes—R.L.

Radio Society of Great Britain—R.S.G.B.

South African Radio League—S.A.R.L.

Sveriges Sändareamater (Sweden)—S.S.A.

Union de Radioaficionados Espanoles (Spain)—U.R.E.

Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland—V.E.R.O.N.

Wireless Institute of Australia—W.I.A.

The A.R.R.L. has intimated its agreement with the principle of adopting a standard numbering system internationally and will make every effort to abide by it. However, they have reserved the right to discard the W.I.A. system should it prove unsatisfactory for use in the A.R.R.L. Annual DX Competition where a number of contacts regularly make more than a thousand contacts and the use of the W.I.A. system may cause some confusion.

### ZL OFFICIAL BROADCAST

The official broadcast of the NZ.A.R.T. is radiated on 3960 Kc. at 9 p.m. (New Zealand time) on the evening of the last Sunday in each month. The official station call sign is ZL31Y.

### NEW PHONE-C.W. "LABRE" CONTEST ON 21 Mc. BAND DURING FOUR WEEK-ENDS

13 JULY, 1952

This is a special opportunity for Hams and SWLs the world over to observe the conditions of this new band, listening in to the PY's work.

Brazilian regulations having enforced the 21 Mc. band, the International Conference of 1947, a very interesting contest is now being conducted by Labre Headquarters, for the month of July, 1952.

PY stations will be trying to obtain the maximum possible coverage of the 5,500,000 square kilometers of the continent of South America, the 21 Mc. band, while the Amateurs and SWLs of every country are being invited to participate in the contest. The contest is for "listeners in," thus qualifying for special awards according to the reports submitted to the Brazilian League.

The contest extends a wide segment for work in c.w., (A1), extending from 21000 to 21450 Kc., and provides a sub-band for phone work (A3) from 21150 to 21450 Kc.

The contest will comprise four periods, corresponding to the week-ends of July next, according to the following schedule: Phone Section, starting at 0301 on Saturdays, July 5 and 19, ending at 0300 on Mondays, July 7 and 21, and ending at 0300 on Thursdays, July 13 and 26, ending at 0300 on Mondays, July 14 and 28 (GMT).

Amateurs of any country outside the PY area, regardless of class or category, license or otherwise, may participate in this contest as "listeners in," and are invited to send their reports in the following manner: call sign of PY station calling, call sign of PY station called, and series of figures sent by calling station.

"Listeners in" will be credited two points for every correct copy, and they may copy the same PY station as many times as heard, provided there is a difference of, at least, two hours between each notation.

Participants as "listeners in" who will obtain the greatest credit in points will be awarded a special certificate, the same applying to those immediately below in number of points, as second place, in each country.

Logs shall be sent to Labre Headquarters, P.O. Box 2553, Rio de Janeiro, D.F., Brazil, in time to be received by the end of October 31, 1952, ultimate date for reception.

Judgment of this contest will be made by Labre's Awarding Committee, and their decision will be final.

## FEDERAL QSL BUREAU

RAY JONES, VK3RJ, MANAGER

The Danish Amateur Society (E.D.R.), who have been approached to conduct the 1953 All European DX Contest, advise that the contest will form a part of the E.D.R. 25th Jubilee celebrations. Preliminary notification of the dates of the contest is as follows: Phone Section—0001 GMT, Dec. 6, to 2400 GMT, Dec. 7, 1952. Phone Section—0001 GMT, Dec. 13, to 2400 GMT, Dec. 14, 1952. The call signs and reminders will be given throughout the year.

Robbie, VK3QZ, who is currently signing VK3QZ/P, from the Trobriand Islands, after cursing the continuous rainfall of the island, states he will be leaving for the Solomons early in April and expects to remain in that locality until May. QTH will be New Guinea.

VK1RF who served a term at Macquarie Isl. has come up for a second serve. This time Reg will be at Heard Island. Presumably he will again sign VK1RF.

Twice my pleasure to receive words from Bill Mitchell, VK3UM, ex-Hon. Secretary, Federal Amateur Society, prior to departing for England in May, 1950. Bill and family expect to return to VK around July of this year and has enjoyed his sojourn in England. Has done no radio from G, but has spent spare time fishing for salmon and trout with the assistance of a new Vauxhall Velox. Presumably, he will again sign VK3UM. Prior to leaving, he was over Bill met V57E, V57J, VUGB, VUZFU, and others. He has since met many renowned names, including the Argentine DXer, who from GSVB followed Bill to England and purported to confirm a QSO on 3.5 Mc. c.w. on 12th November, 1950. As Bill was already in England at that time, it appeared that he had mistaken the call sign unless Bill's call has been pirated. GSVB, a good scout and father of the Bob Simmonds DX party, further details requires a card from Oceania for his 80 metre W.A.C. and is anxious to identify the station with whom he contacted. Should this ring a bell with any station, please forward the card to GSVB pronto. GSVB also only requires an Oceania contact for his phone W.A.C. on 3.5 Mc. and requests VK stations to keep a look out for him on 3753 Kc. every night from 0001-0400 GMT and requests a call on c.w. if unable to raise him on phone. He is looking for VK and DX stations. Further details of the aforementioned "QSO" with "VK3UM" are RST 459 and the freq. was 3515 Kc. Check your log books.

A letter from a Japanese SWL dated 2nd Jan., 1952, gives the latest position in that country. It quotes the A.R.R.L. in publication of QSL cards and organizes the A.R.R.L. DX guide in book is receive and DX guide in chief. TX description is not. But my many friends have a TX and are particularly interested in the DX 807 p.p. and it is prepare oneself for on the air. Sometimes we are surprised find a Japanese Ham who is a DXer. For example, CZAP, CZPO, CZTK and JPDZD, JZYL, etc., about one hundred. I feel deep regret on these stations. They are arrest by officers of Wireless."

Further news from Ron Mould, VK9FM, of Macquarie Isl. that Ron has just not on the island from that locale due to bad weather arrival of gear from the South. Ron was pleasantly surprised recently by a visit from Russ VK3KKK who had a light house maintenance ship pulled in at Madang for a day prior to its departure for Rabaul. Ron also sends me regards from ex-P.M. Officer, Ken Anderson, Ian Parsons, and Sid Hulze, who are now operators for D.C.A. in the Islands. Ron pays a tribute to the operating ability of these chaps and wishes he had more of them. He has heard from Ron expects to regain the mainland about March, 1953, and intends motoring from Brisbane to Perth by the end of the year. Ron is keen to take in as many W.I.A. functions as possible, as possible. We will all be pleased to meet both Ron and XYL Gina.

A large number of cards are to hand from FABCR. Many of these date back to 1949, and help to restore one's faith in humanity. Speaking late cards, Fred, H.E.S. VK2Z, has his usual bright budget of cards. He has received a card from VR2AK (now VR2KZ) after five years! He also mentions that SMSAQAQ is looking for VKs on 3.5 Mc. particularly on 3535 to 3590 Kc. c.w. between 1930 and 2030 GMT on Saturdays and Sundays. Treb adds that he has received a card from VR2AK on 80 around 2000-2030 GMT. Among the European DXers heard are SMSAQAQ, DL1UV, DL7Q, SL6AM, SL5A, GHKKQ, HB9BX, HB9EL, FB3JK, and SBAWA.

Ron Mould VK9FM, in a further letter additional to an earlier par in these notes, states that the following Hams who have left the islands are now located: Volker VK9JG, Arch Barrie, 44 Mt. Eden Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, N.Z.; VK9KQ, Ted Roberts, c/o. Radio Waikato, Manurewa, N.Z.; VK9JG, Ted Roberts, c/o. Hobart Radio, Hobart, Tas. Ron states that the following Hams are still in the territory: VK9JG, Ted Roberts, c/o. VK9BM, VK9DC, VK9BL, VK9CS and VK9RT. Ron sends a couple of requests. Wants any info on establishing an Emergency Network and also the date of the next meeting of the Emergency Network. The BC342N or better still a loan of the particular copy. Can anyone assist?

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Thanks to Harold 2AQP, the following from the Northern Suburbs: BUZF is now the proud possessor of a rotary WJWK beam, Harry ex-2WO has left this part of the world and is now residing in Townsville under the call of 4XH. Warren 2ASM has changed his QTH to Dee Why. Chris 2ALB spending his time on his SX28 SX, heard on 40 occasionally. Tom 2KX and Harry 2AHZ not very active these days. Heard Fred 2AJM on 14 Mc. discussing the forthcoming marriage of his daughter. From John 2ANF we hear that Drummoyne has a new Amateur in John 2ATO who is active on 40, 20, 6 and 2 m; congrats John and a hearty welcome to Amateur Radio. Keith 2ACAO has just returned from a holiday after Easter; will be active with portable rig on 40 m. Barry 2ABH, of Kingsford, has a new 2BZ, which is now active, and is operating on 40 and 2 m. 2ARG has a new boat—two to look after now. Ken 2AKK, of Chas and best, has just been married; congrats and best wishes. Ken won't keep you off the air too much. Bob 2QR heard talking about getting going on 2 m with gear lent by 2BG.

The following notes of the activities of the Gladesville Radio Club, kindly supplied by their Public Officer, Ken Anderson. Newly elected, Horrie Laphroth, Pres. Graham, Sec. Alan Brown, Treas.; Allan Tollow; Alan Liewellyn and Chas Freyer, Com.; Keith Alcock, Officer. Ken Anderson, Vice-Pres. and Public Officer, etc., etc. One of the outstanding club fixtures this year was the camping weekend of 19th and 20th June. The guiding hand of 2HL—this proved a great success.

### WESTERN SUBURBS

Despite the odd and infrequent good conditions on the band, the club has been considerable amount of activity during the last month. Several of the locals are experimenting with arrays of antennas. One of these has been in confined spaces on 14 Mc. 2AIA, 2ANC, 2ARA and 2ACD are all concerned using different types of arrays, which is leading to a certain type of discussion on the subject. 2AXZ heard and contacted on 40 and 20, with a yearning for 10. 2AAB going to Urunga, built a brand new mod. and assures us it is good.

2A2T still playing with full sized beams, giving a good account of itself. 2A1P fiddling beams, only six st. volts back to front. 2A1U is really hitting the highs this month. 2XW appears to be a regular on 20 at night, fine sig John. 2X1 still doing a good job, not heard much of late. 2AGX is another one doing very nicely, teeing up the questions and answers. 2ZF is kept on contacts with his s.a.s.s.; no operation is necessary to get any place with his experiments.

2AU the only chap around here to work DX regularly, the beam is really f.b. 2OQ not heard on 20 for some time, hear that he has the 144 Mc. bug. Sorry to hear of the sickness of Joyce 2AMJ's father; hope to hear you soon Jack. 2ID appears to be getting his share at almost any time, must get the recipe. 2ABO is operating 20 with a rotating dipole, also on 144 Mc. again. 2MH on holidays at Kennebri, operated portable up there. 2AMP on most bands recently, nice to hear you again Geoff. These notes by courtesy of TED 2ACD.

#### NORTH COAST AND TABLELANDS

By the time these notes have been printed the third Urunga Convention will be history to be remembered and I trust you all had a splendid time. A full report on the proceedings will appear in the next issue for those who were unable to be in it. North Coast Zone has had quite a few visitors this month, and conversely a number of N/C boys have gone visiting. Mick 2ARH had a few days with Alf 2DZ at Lismore. VRID and VRIED are holidaying near Urunga and Laurie 2MH spent a period at Kennebri and returned to Sydney via Tamworth. A sister, 2AWH Harry's wife, who is spending Easter with his folk. Ken 2APB has journeyed to Queensland to undertake further training D.C.A., whilst Doug 2SH has gone to Parkes for a few weeks.

Not a month passes that some member of the N/C gang does not crash up a car! Latest exponents of the art are Taree Bill 2AEY and Don 2YU. It is said that Bill succeeded in cracking the chassis in two places and Don made a real job of it. Jack 2JK is back on 40 one again after deciding to give it away! A new voice may soon be heard from Kempey in the person of Bruce Murphy, no call at time of writing.

ing, shouldn't be long now. Terry 2AJS on holidays for a few weeks, heard on 20 mx. Len 2LR busy building a new Tx in a small space, working out very well.

#### COAFIELDS AND LAKES

2ANU returned from his holidays at Mona Vale with much gear and many ideas, on the way with a new lat controlled condenser. 144 Mc. 2YU can now listen on 144 Mc. using double conversion by feeding his responder unit into the main Rx. 2UZ chasing DX on 40 mx using new beam with good results. 2ADJ consistently working into Sydney on 144 Mc. and also managed to catch some VKs on 50 Mc. when the band opened. 2KPF is also working on 20 mx. 2KZ rebuilding, held up by lack of vital parts. 2YL has not reported his usual one night's activity for the month, not let that get you down Harry. 2RU has completed the beam for 2 mx (4 over 4) and has now only to paint and erect it. 2KR active on 40 mx and 144 Mc, made history by putting a signal into Cessnock on 144 from the water-logged wonderland. 2GA works 6 and 40 mx and plans to take Cec to Urunga again this month. Even 2LX was heard on 40 mx this month.

#### SOUTH COAST

The Wollongong Club class is getting the final brush up in readiness for the exam. One of the boys working his first W3 (WSOLG) on 40 mx using 25w, and getting a 3 point less than a local Ham using 100w., which speaks well of the club rig which is made out of old b.c. sets. The club call is VK2ANW. Eric 2ZD is very busy building a 2 and 144 Mc Tx and hopes to be finished before heading to Urunga. Jim 2AXG not quite so busy calling CQ, as he has been at the drive store after having been laid up for 11 months and is now helping the locals to seek cures not CQs. Howard 2AMD busy chasing DX on 20 mx using his new track and panel job running 2w. John 2AUB busy building a new rig and with the knowledge gained at the club doing training at R.A.P.T. Richmond, we expect something good so hurry up John. Charles 2MT hard working a GW on 40 mx and doing a fine job, but do not run the beam too hot! 2UK and 2YH still

home-building for the next two months, so will not hear from them for some time yet. Jim 2AKM waiting for the a.c. power mains to be his own QTH at Barracks Head, Shellharbour, he's been looking along the road so long that I am sure he will need glasses now. Harry 2AOX not had the best of health out his way; chased up Harry, and hope to hear you soon. Col 2AJS busy, not heard much of late. Col 2ASF conspicuous by his absence lately. Perhaps having a well-earned rest, but the fact that he has not been in maybe having a long sleep to make up for lost time.

#### HUNTER BRANCH

A representative gathering from most Hunter Valley towns was present at the Annual Meeting held at the Technical College, Newcastle, on 14th March. The following were present: Jim actively partaking in Ham Radio these days, Allan Fairbairn, M.H.R. (2KBI), came along, indicating he is still firm and foremost a good Hunter Branch man. Allan took the chair at the invitation of the retiring Chairman while the President was being elected. The following officers were chosen by members to act on their behalf in the ensuing year. Pres., Lionel Swain 2CS; Vice-Pres., John Clarke 2DZ; Sec., Farley Britton Howard 2YU. The following were nominated for President, John 2DZ declined to oppose Lionel to whom he paid a glowing tribute. The following were nominated for election to office of 2DZ and 2XT, both of whom are hard workers for the Branch and Institute.

Many interesting facts were given to members by the Branch President, John 2DZ, who is now a Police Officer, when he spoke on "Development of Police Radio Communications." Very interesting points were made about the Hams in the Force since the network started in 1924. Some eight thousand messages a year are handled in Newcastle. John 2DZ, who is W5SGH/mobile marine, radio officer on S.S. Michael J. Goulardier, was recently in Newcastle. Howard 2AJP hailed from New Orleans Louisiana. Another visitor, 2AKS, winner phone section Jubilee DX Contest. Keith and family en route VK5 on caravan holiday called on 2AR. Last, but not least, among the visitors was Taree Bill 2AEY.

Once again I'm indebted to 2DG for Mailfold doings. Congrats to Keith on winning another Contest. Hat just been adorned by the Fish Amateur Society that he has been awarded first place in c.w. section 1950 European DX Contest 2YU. Copying holes in the paper phone on the air soon. Another who has had short but well-earned break is 2AKP. Yr working hard and can't get away from 20 mx working Ws on 80 phone. 2CN on 20 with a nice sig. Bert reports trouble with beam motor gears. Another to make a come-back is 2IS, over is modulating well and has acquired two 805s and an 828. Holidaying at Forster, Harry 2A5F is putting out a solid signal from 2AHA's Bendigo RAIR. T.Y.L. Varley 2SF got his c.c. 807 keying well on 40. 2PJ has joined the "Old Gentlemen" on 80 with f.b. sig from 8. Bill has new freq. meter with xtal check and monitor perking well. 2AXM is building new final around an 813. It's true boys, the old 2PF is re-building; Ernie is putting in a couple of 35Ts; his new neighbour 2OT started with portable but Max has his 413 in commission now and beeding it out. Pals of mine, 2ANZ has about 1000 watts QTH; almost next door to 2ZC! 2AAI has new QRO rig with p.p. 80Ts on 20 but Ron still has a word with moderator. 2MR all on 20 but Edgar hopes to make it soon. 2ARK has XYL home again so Mac has more time for Ham Radio; nevertheless, 2MR will be 2C1 usually manages to QSO 2WI on Sundays for reports and comments on b.c. George 2AGD is mostly on 20. Norm 2ANR rag-chewing on 40 phone.

Notice of Meeting.—The May meeting will be held on Friday, 9th, at the Technical College, Tighes Hill, Newcastle. Join 2WI for details.

#### VICTORIA

##### CENTRAL WESTERN ZONE

One is surprised at the way a grudge is stored up for years and years until the right moment. That villain, 3GN, waited for years to get even with 3YW, and now I caught him. George even rolled in shortly after to see if I had got my breath back. George, by the way, is putting out a nice signal with a very big beam antenna and the Type 3, the big rig is still on ice. 3DP for the time being has gone all DX, till 100w. to an 83 on 14 Mc. c.w. Jim can bowl them over whenever they appear and has quite a bag to date. 3HL may not be trying to emulate 3WI and put out transmissions on 7 and 3.5 Mc. but he is on the last zone hook-up 3ARM could copy Allan nicely thank you while he was going on 40 mx. no-hum.

After checking 28 Mc. daily for weeks, 3ARL missed a beautiful opening on the only day

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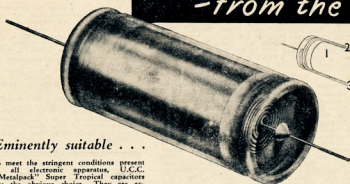
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### CONTEST ACTIVITIES

Even the most ardent epicure in the matter of contest food can't complain about the tasty dishes our newly-formed VK4 Contest Club has come up with in the past twelve months. Yes, there is something doing every month and, on first thoughts, I was very much afraid the old blokes, like myself, who have been cooking for me since their XYLs to frown with disdain on radio contests, to feel a little perturbed over so much fuss. But I was wrong. The VK4 Contesters have made no contest arrangements that will interfere with domestic bliss or call for a 24 hour binge with the "hangover" attached. The VK4 Contesters have been very considerate in the framing of them several good objectives have been kept in mind. One of them is to provide periods of friendly competition which will be of benefit to the contesters' wives and bring out. Another is to furnish a test of equipment—during these workouts who doesn't learn w's and X's and Y's and Z's and A's and B's and C's encourage those who have good gear to use it more often, and for those who use one band only to show more versatility by their ability

Brief details of the May Test, which is more in the nature of a QSL hunt than a contest, are as follows: During May VK4 members will endeavour to work as many stations as possible outside Australia. Two sections are provided—c.w. and phone. Contestants may enter either section or both. There is no open section. Scoring is on the basis of one point for each contact and a multiplier for the number of QSOs worked. Good news is that users of single element antennas receive a bonus multiplier of two (2) which means that the beam boys will not start with a 6 to 10 db advantage.

[It is regretted that the VK4 personal pars have had to be severely cut.—Editor.]

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Among the visitors were Messrs. P. McEwen, R. Hellyor, D. Harewood, A. Halliday, L. Carpenter, G. Basson, R. Capon, A. Williamson, M. Marshall (3MM), L. Baker (SOB) and last but not least, my one-time espionage agent from Darwin, Ray Latta (5RA). "Doc" Barbier 5MD, our respected President, was in the chair, looking fit and well again, and the business

Harry SKW sent a letter of appreciation and thanks to the VK5 Council concerning the installation and operation of the Type 3 Mark II at his bedside whilst he was anchored in Northfield Hospital as a police patient. Quite a number of members were not aware that the VK5 Division had this equipment available for its members and quite a lot of complimentary remarks were passed regarding the Council members for having used their own "handles" and purchased the gear.

Noticed Associate member Allan Hunter at the general meeting, he is usually too busy to come along. This chap is the radio man with the Electricity Trust's changeover from 210 to 240, and speaking from experience, nothing is too much trouble for him and no problem too big. They don't come any better, and in cases you should think I have an axe to grind, well, you are wrong. Mine is already sharpened!

An item in a recent issue of "Amateur Radio" passed unnoticed by quite a number of VKs. Hams, due principally to a misprint of the call sign, and also due to the fact that very few believed that it could be possible. I refer to the fact that Jack 5KO had given away Amateur Radio. Known to all in VKs as Johnny, he occupied the rather dubious position of

John 5JA is still settling in after his marriage and hopes to be on the air about Easter time. He did not state what year! Tom 5TJ is also quiet although he has had a few contacts on 20 and 40 mx. Claude 5CH is still out in the country with no power and no Tx. Can you imagine it, here is a joker with a power plant of his own and he is forced to rely on some signals from some 5CH. I am disappointed in you. Erg 5KU is making slow progress with his beam and all I can say is "Remember Bruce and the spider," or was it "Alfred and the cakes."

home but is still waiting for the power, so it goes without saying that he is also among the quiet ones. Col 5CJ has had a few contacts on 40 mx but is also quiet. Say, I am sick of using this word quiet when speaking about the South East boys, so the best thing I can do is to remain quiet myself. Who said impossible. Sing him to the lions.

5MA has been too busy picking grapes at his new QTH in Denmark to even think of going on the air as yet, but Fred has not been posted as hopeless by the Berris boys at the time of his departure. He has been very active the last month, having had much more important things to occupy his attention, but Hughie has been getting plenty of publicity in the Ham magazines for his good work on the v.h.f. frequencies, so that makes him well satisfied. Incidentally, Hugh, I did not get time to write you well before this, but I am saying goodbye, but you know that you took that as spoken. It was a pleasure working with you.

SCF has been working back quite a lot this month and has not been so active as of recent. He has been working on the 8000 series, coming along Murray? SCF has been having some oscillator troubles with p.p.s 807s and decided to take the advice of those who knarrn about the 8000 series and get a new 8000. Harry is getting on real well again after his recent battle with polio. BSL has been heard on occasionally when conditions are OK. Laurie is still working on the 8000 series, he was in the 834 final, but look out chaps when he does, he has been getting SR reports with 10w. input to a 6V8 final. He will be returning to the "best" singing the praises of the "best etc. etc." best

smartly.

SRK has returned to the air after an absence of over 18 months and has built a new show. Vic is only using the exciter stages of his rig at the moment, but the 100w. final will be hooked up as soon as his suitcases arrive.

2ZL has a report from 5WH that the Royal Adelaide Exhibition the other night which in itself is probably nothing out of the ordinary (the 5WH is a 100w. rig with a 50w. antenna (a 50w. lamp), it was not so bad. 5VGC who has tried just about all types of modulation known to man has at last seen the light and is now using a 50w. rig with a 50w. antenna, a mod. tranny from John 5HI which worked so well that John has asked for its return! SLW was heard telling the world about the annual "Mox" contest. Mox 5GK will be undertaking at Easter. Ross is taking enough food for one day, plus a bag of pups, a pound of butter, a pound of fat, and a loaf of bread. The Dutch must bite!

5DP is trying out a rather novel type of ground plane antenna on 20 mx. The vertical elements are made of 1/2" copper pipe, insulated with 80 ohm twin lead using the roots of his QTH as the ground. The ground wave is colossal, but so far the DX has not had a good try out. What happens when you pull the antenna down to the ground? The DX is busy on the S.A.R. diesel electric cars that he has had no time for such commonplace things as radio. Perc spends a lot of his spare time in planting potatoes, and has gained a reputation as a "potter" among his friends. Grandpa, who is a bit of a Royalist, would like to know his opinions. Pardon the mixed metaphor. He also blows a wicked trumpet in the local band, so it is no wonder that he has no time for radio. Thanks for the offer to read this. Perc.

This paragraph is going to hurt me more than it hurts you, boys, but it is sometimes necessary to be cruel to be kind. At 9:59 p.m. on the 1st of April, Federal Executive officials advised me that the VK6 Division had decided to accept associate members to its ranks. My crack at the VK6 Division regarding associate members, apparently was not as stale as friend GAG would have us believe, because I made it in February. Your apology is accepted, fellow sub-editor, and incidentally OMG keep your nose out of my work. You have attacked me with considerable attention in this State, and am not "crawling." The ball is on your side.

My arch enemy "Doc" 5MD will be given the opportunity to write next month's notes thus getting a little of his own back during my annual vacation.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Now I know what Pharaoh felt like. Tall about seven fat years and seven lean! In March I was bombarded with (very welcome) news and notes from everywhere. This month there is not a scratch of a pen from anyone. Even Rolo has let me down. So, turning to the "scandal book" my notebook which reposes handy to the Rx) and my fertile imagination—here goes.

If another war breaks out and any of you fellows want to settle into a nice, cushy job try the codes and cyphers branch. And to help

you along towards promotion to at least the rank of brigadier general, and some time inside duty. To make documents hard, difficult or even impossible to decipher follows these hints. First, get yourself a copy of the time magazine but even that's rather thicker than I recommend. Next, get a "million" of postage stamps and proceed to type whatever it is you don't want the enemy to decipher. Type all over the face of the paper, then turn over and carry on on the reverse. If the message is thin enough, the typewriter old enough, and the ribbon battered enough, you'll fool the enemy, get no notice and you'll be in the possession of a V6Z Divisional Minutes as supplied to me. (Moved 6HL that 6WZ be asked to resign forthwith and 6HIM over running too close to the deadline for these notes with the birth of his baby daughter a month or two back, he did not myself force to admit it.) Mary Elizabeth 6WZ arrived in Geraldton on the 6th of the month, about three or four days past her due date and had posted his notes to Melbourne. Wouldn't it? Still, I'm getting used to hearing her 58 plus signal at about 0500 hours each morning and saying "yes" to does that matter? Everyone who sees her says she's a beautiful kid—which isn't surprising when you cast an eye over her father. (Or is she a 6HIM?)

The 7 Mc. band has been doing the most amazing things during past weeks. Contacts between country and city have been erratic and to cap 6LG's effort in hearing ZS stations on phone at the height of the day, 6HIM heard (and called) a ZS station (an optimist!) a ZS on c.w. at 12.20 p.m. on recent Sunday. Need I say no contact resulted? I need not. The time was 12.20 p.m. during March and what's more, several of the boys worked him. Before the Eastern 6VKs began their season in booking their packages to the sunny West, I should add that 6H9GX/WM was operating on 7 Mc. in Fremantle Harbour!

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6CN has left Geraldton and is now set-up in his own business. The manager of the Kellie Hotel. The Geraldton boys will miss you, Cyril, and wish you every success in your venture. If Cyril still remains a Ham after this year's departure, I'll be in recent contact. "dips me lid" to him. First of all, on then for a spell, then he moved from the small beachside house he had to a large one on the main a.c. area, but at a time when no connections to the service were being made. He had no end of trouble in booking his houses, but none for 6CN) for a couple of years, then, at long last, came the a.c. Cyril began slowly (as time permitted) and it didn't permit much or often to completely re-build the rig in a totally-enclosed type of steel cabinet, in the time of leaving Geraldton. The Kellie Hotel is a lovely place. Did he take it with him? No he sold it—for at his new QTH—yes, you've guessed it—he's back on dc again. He's a 6HIM.

Another bloke who should make you city-slackers pause and think how lucky you are is 6RT. After a year or two on the air, he has "donks" and generators. Len spent about 12 months in Cue on 20 volts d.c. After his term there they send him to the head of the Eastern Metropolitan school? They did not. They posted him to Blindi Blindi where there's no a.c., d.c. or any other kind of power. He had to build a tank circuit. Nothing daunted, Len bought a small engine and a 220-volt motor, revamped the latter to act as a generator and he was on the air. After some preliminary bother suppressing noise, he is now on the air on 80 and 40 with low power but getting out quite well. The 6HIM is a Geraldtonite who is inactive in the Ham game at the moment, but is busy with study, hunting around for a block of land and practicing his typewriter. He wants to convince the XVI that Ham Radio is a wonderful hobby but the real McCoy is that he's a very much better 6WZ/QTH by the time these notes appear, I must get Barry to give me a few lessons. With plenty of 50-cycle stuff and a 100-watt 1 megohm 200 ohm resistor of 813 in p.p., then when the RL comes around I'll make a few passes in front of him and get away with it. I'm running a paltry 20 watts! 6V6 and I'm running a paltry 20 watts!

6WD of Northam was heard recently; where have you been 6WZ? Still on 6Mc. I've recently been shown a little promise lately and 6LG and 6RT are known to have been

active. Wonder if Lionel has been on there yet? Heard him on 7 Mc. the other day telling someone all his woes. By the way, OM, who's the "we" I hear you referring to so often? The Radio Institute have been very well published in both broadcasts and circulars so there is no need to go over stale news here whenever there is value in it. However, it seems to deserve comment and that is the suggestion that general meetings should deal with resignations in much the same way as they deal with elections for a ship. I have a feeling being that as the monthly meeting is responsible for beginning one's membership it should also be responsible for accepting or rejecting one's resignation if and when such is tendered. That seems to be a point of view no one could disagree with.

The new Council for 1952 was elected without there being more than the required number of nominations and was elected unanimously. No more than the nine needed—therefore there was no need for a ballot. One extra member to make up the nine will be co-opted. Those nominated and declared are: 6ALC, 6AG, 6KW, 6RU, 6SO, 6KU, 6GM and 6LJ.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who wrote to me with their views on the AP issue and to apologise to them for not having answered them direct by mail owing to pressure of work. I received your letter of 11th and I'll have written to you chaps and also perhaps you may feel disposed to repeat the process. No scribble can have too many spies.

## TASMANIA

For those of you not already aware, the following officers have been elected: President, Bob O'May 7OM, re-elected; Secretary, John Adams 6A; Treasurer, Bob Fulton 7AF; Treasurer, Sid Excell 7JS; and Disposals Officer, Tom Allen 7AL. In passing, I feel sure I am voicing the wishes of many when I extend to the retiring Secretary, Len Edwards, our very sincere thanks for a job well done. Len was entering in his efforts to help the Institute, and I am certain that many, if not all, were sorry when it was realised that he could not see duty in clear weather. I think you, "thank you" also goes to the retiring Treasurer, Brian Hall, for his contribution in the past year of office. In farewelling the "old," we must also remember the new and the wishes are extended to those newly appointed officers, mentioned earlier. It is hoped that they will favour them with their support, and thus help to form the Institute into an even more united body.

Jack 6H hopes to see you soon now in Kure, Japan, and is being kept quite busy with matters military. Having untangled certain licence difficulties, Jack hopes to see you soon now in the 20 mc band, with a mere 600w, into a wind-am antenna. We will be listening for you Jack, and you may be called upon to enlarge on certain "land" notes. Your XV, however, was quite adamant when she stated that she would not allow you to souvenir any of those "house girls" to bring home to you.

Two more Associate members have joined our ranks—namely, Mr. J. O. Webb, of St. Helens, and Mr. H. H. Kerrison, now answer to the calls 7BC and 7XO respectively. Is it a fact Bert that you intend opening on 398 kHz in the near future?

It should not be long now before 7FM is back on the air again. An enforced silence, brought about by a non-co-operative h.c. transformer, has done away with any hope of 7FM finding himself with much to do, and little time to do it in, but he made it in time for the Sunday night 20 mc band, and a modulation very pleasing to the ear. 1LE joins 7DH with 144 Mc. equipped auto, and it seems one that he'll be very keen to see. If they have halos, you know they are not police. Keith 7HX is contemplating 2 mc, but somehow I feel that he'll be a bit of a collapse first. What about proving me wrong Keith?

Attempts to make 144 Mc. relays have been made by 7LD and 7OM, the first on 8th March and later on 6th April. The first attempt resulted in excellent two-way communication being established between 7LD and 7OM, and 7DH at Mt. Seymour, and on 6th April similar results were obtained from Mt. Wellington to northern Tasmania. The results were, therefore, foregoing, in greater detail, will no doubt be covered by 7AJ in his v.h.f. notes.

The April meeting was held at the usual place on the 11th. Some 20 odd members attended, and the main business discussed was agenda items for the 22nd Federal Convention, and by an auction sale of surplus radio equipment. Star turn of the sale was 7AL's rather expensive purchase, by proxy, of some xtal grinding machinery. Getting the club into the year, unbeknown to each other, is certain to cause inflation 7DM.

## NORTHERN TASMANIAN ZONE

V.h.f. officer 1LT has been very busy recently organising the 144 Mc. field day for 6th April, and everything including the weather, went off without a hitch. 7PF and 7LD pooled their equipment and 7WA, 7KX, 7XW and Associates the day whilst 7AM provided the transport. Members of the zone who assisted in one way or another were: 7WA, 7KX, 7XW and Associates. Geoff Dineen, Graeme Nicholls, and Ron Rich. First class communication was had with 7OM and 7LJ on Mt. Wellington. 7KX is busy, but 7K3 proved very elusive. The site used was a few yards south of the aerial system of equipment 7EX (two masts, 100 ft. portable) and is nearly 1,000 ft. above sea level.

Prior to this field day there had been considerable activity on 144 Mc. as became apparent when 7LJ, 7XW and 7KX were erecting a 12 element beam painted "cornflower blue," whilst 7LJ uses "silver" and 7PF has his "pink" red. Is anyone game to use "Pansy pink"?

7 Mc. came good recently in the early evening hours. 7RK had been heard upholding the c.w. honor of the zone. 1LT is considering taking to c.w. again as some of his neighbours complain that he is too busy with the c.w. of Ken's phone QSOs. Rumour has it that 7XW has actually been copying WS on 7 Mc. c.w. and actually took the key out of the phone battery. 7LJ, 7KX and 7RE appear to have gone into retirement for the time being, but all hope to become active again as soon as time allows.

A recent visitor has been Max 3AKM who has been taking his holidays in VK7 land. Attention is drawn to the fact that 7LJ's improvement recently so remember it is the second Friday in each month and the more the better. As for the zone, so how about doing YOUR part.

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